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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

## System and Method for Updating User Home Automation Systems

the specification of which (check one)

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\_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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(Application Serial #)

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(3) Clifford J. Spinac of Austin  
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have invented certain improvement in:

**System and Method for Updating User Home Automation Systems**

and executed a United States patent application therefore on

(Date Inventor Signed Declaration) (1) Oct. 26, 2000; and  
(2) 10/26, 2000; and  
(3) 10/26, 2000..

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